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In re Application	)	<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u>
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Inventors: John Wilkes et al.	)	
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Serial No.: 09/641,383	)	
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Title: EXCLUSIVE CACHING	)	
IN COMPUTER SYSTEMS	)	

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 8-1-02,  
applicants respectfully request that the above-identified  
application be amended as follows.